(d) if not, the reasons for the inordinate delay in responding to the demand of the trade unions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The Government is seized of the demand of Trade Unions for amendment of Bonus Act, 1965 for raising the eligibility limit and calculation ceilings. The issue is under examination in the light of its wide ranging repercussions as the benefits of bonus will have to be extended to, besides the private sector, to the employees of PSUs (both Central and States), Central and State Governments and autonomous organizations resulting in huge financial burden to the Government exchequer.

International Labour Organisation Convention

2684. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are a party to the adoption of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention No. 182 calling for immediate action to outlaw the worst forms of child labour by the International Labour Conference on 17-6-1999; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to ratify the convention ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of India is a party to the adoption of the ILO Convention No. 182 concerning Worst Forms of Child Labour.

(b) Convention No. 182 was recently adopted in 1999. Government is committed to the objectives set out in this Convention. Consultations in the matter with the concerned Central Ministries/ Departments, State Governments and the other social partners have already been initiated.

Bima Yojana for Agricultural Workers

2685. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have announced a 'Bima Yojana' for agricultural labourers ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the details of the number of agricultural labourers enrolled so far in this scheme ;